

## PREVIEW

### The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

### Thanatopsis

William Cullen Bryant

### Old Ironsides

Oliver Wendell Holmes

### *from Snowbound*

John Greenleaf Whittier



**Summaries** The subjects of these poems connect to life in New England. Longfellow's "The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls" compares the cycle of tides in the ocean to the cycle of life and death. In "Thanatopsis," Bryant also explores the theme of death through images from nature, such as the earth and ocean. Holmes celebrates a ship's history at sea in "Old Ironsides." Finally, Whittier describes the beauty of a world covered in snow in an excerpt from *Snowbound*.

#### Note-taking Guide

Use the chart below to record images of nature found in each of these poems.

The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls	Thanatopsis	Old Ironsides	<i>from Snowbound</i>